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THE REGULAR SERVICE

ON

THE LORD'S DAY

HAVING taken his place on the right of the altar, the Congregation also standing up, the Minister shall say as follows:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, humble ourselves before the throne of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, and confess our manifold sins and transgressions with lowly and contrite hearts, that we may obtain forgiveness of the same through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the Minister and Congregation shall kneel, and repeat the following *Confession.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we cast ourselves down before Thee, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against Thee, in thought, in word, and in deed. We have

come short of thy glory. We have broken thy commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life; and in us there is no soundness nor health. Yet now, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon Thee with penitent hearts; and for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins, and grant us thy peace. Take away our guilt. Purify us, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness; and make us able and willing to serve Thee in newness of life to the glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister rise, and pronounce to the Congregation, still kneeling, the following *Declaration of Pardon.*

HEARKEN now unto the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Unto as many of you, therefore, beloved brethren, as truly repent of your sins, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, with full purpose of new obedience, I announce and declare, by the authority and in the name of Christ, that your sins are forgiven in heaven, according to his promise in the gospel, through the perfect merit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here, and at the end of every Collect and Prayer, the Congregation shall say:

Amen.

The Congregation shall now rise, and join with the Minister in repeating the *Apostles' Creed;* immediately after which shall be sung, chanted or recited, the *Gloria in Excelsis;* all in the following order.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church: the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Congregation. The Lord's name be praised.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God, the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

Then shall the Minister read the proper *Gospel* and *Epistle* for the day; adding, so far as he may see fit, other portions of Scripture.

After the reading, the service shall proceed thus, the Congregation rising:

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

M. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

M. Let us pray.

Then shall be offered the *Collect* for the day, and after this the following *General Prayer;* except that, on Festival days, the first two Collects of the same shall be omitted and the proper Festival Prayer used in their stead.

[During Lent, or in other seasons of humiliation, the *Litany* may take the place of the General Prayer.]

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We praise Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us such due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

God of all power and glory, who hast not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect and fulfil in us, we beseech Thee, the work of thy redeeming mercy; that, being delivered more and more from our sins, we may be able to serve Thee in newness of life. Sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit; and guide us evermore in the way of peace. Help us to overcome the world. Beat down Satan under our feet. Give us courage to confess Christ always; and patience to endure in his

service unto the end; that having finished our course with joy, we may rest in hope, and attain finally to the resurrection of the just, through the infinite merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, cause thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to rest upon the Church, which He has purchased with his most precious blood. Illuminate her ministers with true knowledge and understanding of thy word. Send down the healthful dew of thy grace upon all her congregations. Deliver her from false doctrine, heresy and schism; and clothe her with the beauty of holiness and peace. Establish and reveal thy glory among all nations. By the tranquil working of thy perpetual providence, confound and destroy all wicked devices formed against thy holy Word, and bring in speedily the full victory of thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords, from whom proceedeth all power and dominion in heaven and on earth, most heartily we beseech Thee to look with favor upon thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, and all others in authority. Imbue them with the spirit of wisdom, goodness, and truth; and so rule their hearts, and bless their endeavors, that law and order, justice and peace, may everywhere prevail. Preserve us from public calamities; from pestilence and famine; from war, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; but especially from national sins and corruption. Make us strong and great in the fear of God, and in the love of righteousness; so that being blessed of Thee, we may become a blessing to all nations, to the praise of the glory of thy grace through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we implore thy mercy in behalf of all classes and conditions of men; that it may please Thee to visit them with thy most compassionate help, according to their manifold necessities and wants. Especially do we beseech Thee to show pity upon all widows and orphans; upon all prisoners and captives; upon all sick and dying persons; upon those who are desolate or sore afflicted in any way; and upon all such as are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Enable them to look unto Thee, O most merciful Father, and to call upon thy name, that they may find Thee a present Saviour in their affliction and distress. And let it please Thee to deliver them, and raise them up in due time, giving them patience under all their sufferings, the rich comfort of thy grace here below, and eternal rest with Thee in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Here may be introduced any special *Collect* or *Collects* suitable to the occasion.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

A suitable *Psalm* or *Hymn* shall now be sung.

Then the Minister, having taken his place in the pulpit, shall proceed to deliver the *Sermon*. This should be in harmony with the general order of the Church Year.

After the Sermon, the service shall be continued as follows:

M. Let us pray.

Almighty God, Fountain of all goodness and truth, receive our thanks for the lively oracles of thy grace, which

are able to make us wise unto everlasting life; and mercifully grant, we beseech Thee, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy blessing be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living; to the honor and praise of thy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of our glorious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Here let the People join aloud in the *Lord's Prayer.*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Deacons shall now collect the *Alms* of the People; and the Minister may make any necessary *Announcements.*

Then a *Psalm* or *Hymn* shall be sung, ending with a *Doxology.*

After which the Minister shall close the whole service with the *Apostolic Benediction.*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

THE EVENING SERVICE

Having taken his place at the altar, the Congregation also standing up, the Minister shall say as follows:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our minds, we beseech Thee, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that, being delivered from every unholy motion of the flesh and spirit, we may perfectly love Thee, with a pure heart and sanctified lips worship Thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here, and at the end of every Collect and Prayer, the Congregation shall say:

Amen.

A Psalm or Hymn shall now be sung.

Then shall the Congregation rise, and join with the Minister in repeating the *Apostles' Creed;* immediately after which shall be chanted or recited, the *Gloria Patri;* all in the following order.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin

Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Congregation. The Lord's name be praised.

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister read the *Evening Lessons*, as indicated in the Table of Scripture Lessons.

After the reading, the service shall proceed thus, the Congregation rising:

M. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

M. Let us pray.

M. Create in us a clean heart, O God:

C. And renew a right spirit within us.

M. Cast us not away from thy presence:

C. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall be offered the *Collect* for the day, and after this the following *General Prayer*.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be

set to obey thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may by thy protection pass our time in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been preserved this day, and to whom the darkness and the light are both alike; by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; and so refresh our weary nature with the help which our weakness needs, that we may behold the dawn and the day with joyfulness, and be devoted to Thee both in body and soul, for the love of thine only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

In goodness art Thou exalted, O Lord, our Father, for ever and ever. We magnify Thee, we praise Thee, we worship Thee, we give thanks unto Thee for thy bountiful providence, for all the blessings of the present life and all the hopes of a better life to come; let the memory of thy goodness, we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness unto our life's end; and let no unworthiness of ours provoke Thee to withhold from us any needed good, seeing that all thy blessings come not by our desert, but only through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast promised to reveal thy glory by Jesus Christ among all nations; remember, we beseech Thee, thy holy Church throughout all the world; unite all who profess and call themselves Christians in the bond of a holy faith as one body, and so replenish them and us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of peace and good works; and that, having persevered in the way of godliness to the end, we may, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors

and saints of all ages, come into full communion with Thee and with one another in thine eternal and glorious kingdom; through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MOST powerful Lord God, King of kings, and Lord of lords, who alone ordainest the powers that be; take under thy most gracious government and guidance, we beseech Thee, thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commmonwealth, and all others in authority; and so enrich them with heavenly wisdom and grace, that they may attain thine everlasting favor, and we lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who art a seasonable refuge in time of trouble; let the prayers of those who, in tribulation or any sort of extremity, cry unto Thee, reach thy merciful ears, and grant them relief according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; for the sake of the suffering and sorrow of thy dear son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Here may be introduced any special *Collect* or *Collects* suitable to the occasion.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou will grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

A suitable *Psalm* or *Hymn* shall now be sung.

Then the Minister, having taken his place in the pulpit, shall proceed to deliver the *Sermon*, or he may expound in course a portion of the *Heidelberg Catechism*.

After the Sermon, the service shall be continued as follows:

M. Let us pray.

O God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant unto us by the same Spirit to have a right understanding of thy saving truth. Visit, we pray Thee, this congregation with thy love and favor; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep them in the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Here let the People join aloud in the *Lord's Prayer*.

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Deacons shall now collect the *Alms* of the people; and the Minister may make any necessary *Announcements*.

Then a *Psalm* or *Hymn* shall be sung, ending with a *Doxology*.

After which the Minister shall close the whole service with the *A ostolic Benediction*.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

THE LITANY

Minister. O God the Father in heaven; have mercy upon us.

Congregation. Have mercy upon us.

M. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us.

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us.

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God; have mercy upon us.

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood and be not angry with us for ever.

C. Spare us, good Lord.

M. From all evil and harm; from the power of sin, and the snares of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation;

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness;

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From all impure lusts and desires; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil;

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From lightning, tempest, and earthquake; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from all disasters by land and by water; from battle and murder, and from sudden death;

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From tumult and riot; from sedition and rebellion; from heresy and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and authority;

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. By the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy nativity and circumcision; by thy baptism, fasting, and temptation;

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost;

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment;

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

C. Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

M. That it may please Thee to keep us in all time of temptation and heaviness; to comfort and help all the weak-hearted; to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

C. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to succor, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity and tribulation;

C. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to preserve all travellers and strangers, all women in the perils of child-birth, all sick persons, and young children, and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

C. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

C. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men;

C. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

M. O Son of God, Redeemer of the world;

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world;

C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world;

C. Grant us thy peace.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of the contrite, nor rejectest the desire of the sorrowful: be favorable to our prayers which in our afflictions that continually oppress us, we pour out before Thee; and graciously hear them, that those things which the craft of the devil or man worketh against us, may be brought to nought, and by the counsel of thy goodness be dispersed; so that being hurt by no persecutions, we may evermore give thanks unto Thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may by thy protection pass our time in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PREPARATION FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION

Having taken his place at the altar, the Congregation also standing up, the Minister shall say:

THE Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him. *Amen.*

GOD spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do

any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep all these laws.

Minister. Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

M. Let us pray.

O Lord God, who didst at first deliver thy commandments from the mount which burned with fire, amid blackness, and darkness, and tempest, at which terrible sight even Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake: we thank Thee that this same law is now published unto us from mount Zion, through the Mediator of a new and better covenant; and we humbly beseech Thee to put these words

into our minds, and write them in our hearts, that we may delight in thy law after the inward man, and serve Thee in newness of spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then all shall kneel, and join in the *Litany* as follows:

M. O God the Father in heaven; have mercy upon us.
C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us.
C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us.
C. Have mercy upon us.

M. O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God; have mercy upon us.
C. Have mercy upon us.

M. Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.
C. Spare us, good Lord.

M. From all evil and harm; from the power of sin, and the snares of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation;
C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice and all uncharitableness;
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M. By the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy nativity and circumcision; by thy baptism, fasting, and temptation;

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M. By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost;

C. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment;

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M. We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

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M. That it may please Thee to keep us in all time of temptation and heaviness; to comfort and help all the weak-hearted; to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

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M. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

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M. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

C. Grant us thy peace.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of the contrite, nor rejectest the desire of the sorrowful; be favorable to our prayers which in our afflictions that continually oppress us, we pour out before Thee; and graciously hear them, that those things which the craft of the devil or man worketh against us, may be brought to nought, and by the counsel of thy goodness be dispersed; so that being hurt by no persecutions, we may evermore

give thanks unto Thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may by thy protection pass our time in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

A suitable *Psalm* or *Hymn* shall now be sung.

Then the Minister, having taken his place in the pulpit, shall proceed to deliver a brief *Sermon*, or *Exhortation.*

After the Sermon, the Minister, at the altar, shall address the communicants, and say:

Beloved in the Lord: Our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, when He was about to finish the work of our redemption, by making Himself a sacrifice for our sins upon the cross, solemnly instituted the Holy Sacrament of his own body and blood; that it might be the abiding memorial of his precious death; the seal of his perpetual presence in the Church by the Holy Ghost; the mystical exhibition of his one offering of Himself made once, but of force always, to put away sin; the pledge of his undying love to his people; and the bond of his living union and fellowship with them to the end of time.

The same night, we are told, in which He was betrayed, He took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

It has not been without reason, therefore, that the

celebration of the Holy Eucharist has ever been regarded by the Church as the inmost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship. We have to do here, not with outward signs only, but with the heavenly realities themselves which these signs represent. Our Lord himself calls the bread his body, and the cup, his blood, or the new testament in his blood. The cup of blessing which we bless, says St. Paul, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? And it is the same apostle who utters, in another place, the solemn warning: Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Being of such high and awful character, it is plain that the Lord's Supper can be rightly and safely approached only by those who are of a truly devout and religious mind. These holy mysteries are not for the irreverent, the worldly, or the profane. All who are impenitent and unbelieving, and who refuse to obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, have no right to partake of this Christian altar. They can do so only at their own peril; for coming to it thus in the spirit of hypocrisy and wickedness, they turn the blessing of the Sacrament into a curse, and that which should be a savor of life unto life is made to be for them only a savor of death unto death. They eat and drink damnation or judgment to themselves; not because they are sinners, but because they are impenitent sinners; not because they are unworthy, but because they eat and drink unworthily, not discerning the Lord's body.

If any of you who are present, then, know yourselves to be the willing servants of sin, being without repentance and faith, and yielding yourselves to the power of worldly affec-

tions and lusts, we solemnly warn and admonish you, that ye presume not, so long as this is your character, to come to the table of the Lord. Do not pretend in this way, to join righteousness with unrighteousness, and light with darkness. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

On the other hand, we cordially invite to this table all who are truly grieved and penitent for their sins, who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and salvation, who abide in the fellowship of his Church, and who earnestly desire to possess his Spirit and to walk in his steps. To all such the voice of the infinitely compassionate Redeemer himself speaks: Come unto Me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Fear not, therefore, as many of you as have this mind, to embrace the joyful and glorious privilege which is here offered for your use. Having, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an High Priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from all evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Only ye must take good heed, that your particular preparation for the Sacrament at this time be sincere and whole, according to God's command; so that no let or bar may be found in yourselves to its proper comfort and benefit. See that ye have grace, not only in general habit, but also in present exercise and power. Renew your repentance and faith. Be in perfect charity with all men. Put away from you the leaven of malice and wickedness. Remember earnestly your past offences and shortcomings, that ye may humble yourselves, with true hearty confes-

sion, under the mighty hand of Him, who alone has power to exalt you in his own good time. Thus, clothed in the robes of salvation, you will be able to compass God's holy altar with thankfulness and joy, and to share the full benefit of its one offering for sin, while you feed on the sacrifice at the same time as the bread of everlasting life. For in this most comfortable Sacrament of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we have exhibited to us at once, both the forgiveness of sins through his death, and the gift of immortality through his glorious resurrection; according to his own word: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Ye then, beloved brethren in the Lord, who have looked earnestly into your own hearts, and who find in yourselves these good dispositions of penitence and faith, with the sincere desire and purpose of forsaking all sin and following after all Christian holiness, approach with me now to the throne of grace, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

All kneeling.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we cast ourselves down at thy feet, with deep humiliation and heartfelt penitent grief,

in view of our manifold sins and great unrighteousness, whereby we have provoked against ourselves most justly thine indignation and wrath. We have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed. We have broken thy holy laws. We have come short of thy righteousness and glory, in all our ways. Our lives bear testimony against us, and our own hearts condemn us, as being prone to all evil, and backward to all good. We have abused thy mercies, and made light of thy judgments. We have turned aside from thy covenant; and have not been faithful and diligent, as we ought to have been, in using the helps of thy grace for our eternal salvation. We acknowledge and bewail before Thee, the corruption of our nature, the vanity of our minds, the waywardness of our hearts, the wanderings and apostasies of our whole fallen life. Righteousness belongeth unto thee, O Lord; and unto us only confusion of face. But unto Thee, O Lord our God, belong also mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Look upon us, therefore, O righteous and holy Father, with an eye of pity and compassion, as we now humble ourselves, with sincere confession, before the throne of thy heavenly grace; and for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, speak pardon and peace to our souls. Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we hope in Thee. And with the full pardon of our past sins, be pleased also to quicken us, we beseech Thee, in the way of righteousness, and uphold us with thy free Spirit; that we may walk worthy henceforth of the vocation wherewith we are called, and ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister rise, and pronounce to the Congregation, still kneeling, the following *Declaration of Pardon.*

HEARKEN now unto the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Unto as many of you, therefore, beloved in the Lord, as have now made confession of your sins unto God with hearty repentance and sincere faith, being resolved to turn from them, and to follow after righteousness and true holiness in time to come, I declare, by the authority of the Gospel, that all your sins are remitted and forgiven, through the perfect satisfaction of the most holy passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Then shall the Congregation rise, and join in singing a *Doxology;* after which the service shall be concluded with this *Benediction:*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

[The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered publicly in the Church, in every Congregation, at least twice a year, and if possible oftener.]

Having taken his place at the altar, the Congregation also standing up, the Minister shall say as follows:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Dearly Beloved in the Lord. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore humble ourselves before the throne of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, and confess our manifold sins and transgressions with lowly and contrite hearts, that we may obtain forgiveness of the same through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the Minister and Congregation shall kneel, and repeat the following *Confession.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who dost admit thy people unto such wonderful communion, that partaking of the body and blood of thy dear Son, they should dwell in Him, and He in them; we unworthy sinners, approaching to thy presence, and beholding thy glory, do abhor ourselves, and repent in dust and ashes. We have sinned, we have sinned, we have grievously sinned against

Thee, in thought, in word, and in deed, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. The remembrance of our transgressions and shortcomings fills us with sorrow and shame. Yet now, O most merciful Father, have mercy upon us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins; purify us, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, from all inward uncleanness; enable us heartily to forgive others, as we beseech Thee to forgive us; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister rise, and pronounce to the Congregation, still kneeling, the following *Declaration of Pardon.*

HEARKEN now unto the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Unto as many of you, therefore, beloved brethren, as truly repent of your sins, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, with full purpose of new obedience, I announce and declare, by the authority and in the name of Christ, that your sins are forgiven in heaven, according to his promise in the Gospel, through the perfect merit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here, and at the end of every Collect and Prayer, the Congregation shall say:

Amen.

The Congregation shall now rise, and join with the Minister in repeating the *Nicene Creed;* immediately after which shall be sung, chanted or recited, the *Gloria in Excelsis,* all in the following order.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten not made; of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: who was also crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried; and the third day rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead; of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets; in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Congregation. The Lord's name be praised.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou

that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister read the proper *Gospel* and *Epistle* for the day.

After the reading, the service shall proceed thus, the Congregation rising:

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

M. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

M. Let us pray.

Here shall be offered the *Collect* for the day and the *Festival Prayer.*

A suitable *Psalm* or *Hymn* shall then be sung.

After this, the Minister having taken his place in the pulpit, shall proceed to deliver a brief *Sermon.* Or, instead of this, he may read a lesson of moderate length, taken from the Holy Gospels, on the history of Christ's Passion and Death.

Then shall follow a collection of the *Offerings* of the people, to be devoted to the service of the poor, or to some benevolent purpose; during which the Minister, standing at the altar, shall read some of the following *Sentences* from the Holy Scriptures.

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. As it is written, he hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again.

I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

The collection shall be brought by the Deacons, in a proper vessel provided for the purpose, to the Minister; who shall then reverently place it upon the altar, as an oblation presented unto God.

After this, the Minister shall uncover and expose to view the vessels containing the bread and wine for the use of the Holy Sacrament, and proceed as follows:

M. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by the blood of thy dear Son hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all; cleanse our minds, we beseech Thee, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we, thy redeemed people, drawing near unto Thee in these holy mysteries, with a true heart and undefiled conscience, in full assurance of faith, may offer unto Thee an acceptable sacrifice in righteousness, and worthily magnify thy great and glorious name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister pronounce, slowly and solemnly, either the whole, or some part, of the following selection of passages from the *Holy Scriptures.*

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread which I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall live

by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Then, the whole Congregation rising, the service shall proceed.

M. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

M. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them up unto the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Thou didst in the beginning create all things for Thyself. By thy word were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of thy mouth. The armies of the invisible world, angels and archangels, thrones, dominions, principalities and powers; the glorious firmament on high, sun, moon, and stars; the earth and the fullness thereof; all are the work of thy hands, and all are upheld by Thee continually in their appointed order and course.

Thou also at the first didst make man in thine own image, and after thine own likeness, and didst set him over the works of thy hands, endowing him with the excellent gift of righteousness, and forming him for immortality. And when afterwards, through the fraud and malice of Satan, he fell by transgression from that first estate, Thou didst not leave him still to perish utterly in his fall, but wast pleased to raise him up again and to re-

store him to the joyful hope of everlasting life, by the promise of redemption through Jesus Christ; who, being God of God, very God of very God, dwelling in the bosom of the Father with unspeakable blessedness from all eternity, at last, when the fulness of the time was come, came down from heaven, and became man, for us men and for our salvation.

For all thy mercies and favors, known to us and unknown, we give Thee thanks. But most of all, we praise Thee, the Father everlasting, for the gift of thine adorable, true, and only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by his appearing hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. We bless Thee for his holy incarnation; for his life on earth; for his precious sufferings and death upon the cross; for his resurrection from the dead; and for his glorious ascension to thy right hand. We bless Thee for the giving of the Holy Ghost; for the institution of the Church; for the means of grace; for the hope of everlasting life; and for the glory which shall be brought unto us at the coming, and in the kingdom, of thy dear Son.

Thee, mighty God, heavenly King, we magnify and praise. With patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs; with the holy Church throughout all the world; with the heavenly Jerusalem, the joyful assembly and congregation of the first-born on high; with the innumerable company of angels round about thy throne, the heaven of heavens, and all the powers therein; we worship and adore thy glorious name, joining in the song of the Cherubim and Seraphim:

Here let the people join aloud in the *Seraphic Hymn.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. Hosanna in the

highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Then the Minister shall proceed:

THE LORD JESUS, THE SAME NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED [here he shall take some of the bread into his hand], TOOK BREAD; AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BRAKE IT [here he shall break the bread], AND SAID, TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU; THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AFTER THE SAME MANNER ALSO [here he shall take the cup into his hands], HE TOOK THE CUP, WHEN HE HAD SUPPED, SAYING, THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD; THIS DO YE AS OFTEN AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, send down, we beseech Thee, the powerful benediction of thy Holy Spirit upon these elements of bread and wine, that being set apart now from a common to a sacred and mystical use, they may exhibit and represent to us with true effect the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ; so that in the use of them we may be made, through the power of the Holy Ghost, to partake really and truly of his blessed life, whereby only we can be saved from death, and raised to immortality at the last day. *Amen.*

AND be pleased now, O most merciful Father, graciously to receive at our hands this memorial of the blessed sacrifice of thy Son; in union with which we here offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, the reasonable sacrifice of our own persons; consecrating ourselves, on the altar of the Gospel, in soul and body, property and life, to thy most blessed service and praise. Look upon us through the mediation of our great High Priest. Make us accepted

in the Beloved; and let his name be as a pure and holy incense, through which all our worship may come up before Thee, as the odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God. *Amen.*

Remember in mercy, we beseech Thee, thy Church militant throughout the whole earth. Let her ministers be clothed with righteousness, and her priests with salvation. Build up her desolations; restore her disorders; heal her divisions; and grant unto her prosperity, safety, unity and peace. *Amen.*

We commend unto Thee especially this particular church and congregation, pastor, elders, deacons, and people, beseeching Thee to accept their piety and faith, and to increase toward them thy heavenly grace, so that they may come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

We pray for all estates of men in Christian lands; for kings, princes, and governors, and for the people committed to their charge and care; especially for thy servant the President of the United States, and for all the rulers of this land and nation. Make us a righteous people, and give us power to serve Thee in quietness and peace. *Amen.*

Vouchsafe unto us, we beseech Thee, favorable weather, that the fruits of the earth may ripen and be gathered in for us in due season; and be pleased of thy great goodness to preserve us from war, pestilence, and famine. *Amen.*

Send forth thy light and thy truth unto the ends of the earth; cause the glorious Gospel of thy grace to be proclaimed among all nations; and powerfully incline the hearts of men everywhere, that they may hear and obey the joyful sound. *Amen.*

REGARD in tender compassion those among thy people, who are called to suffer heavy affliction, or sore temptation and trial of any kind: and be Thou graciously nigh unto them with thy divine help, according to all their need. *Amen.*

ESPECIALLY do we commend unto Thee those departing this life. Let the arms of thy love be round about them in their last hour; defend them against the assaults of the Devil; enable them joyfully to commit their spirits into thy hands; and so receive them to thy rest. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; we rejoice before Thee in the blessed communion of all thy saints, wherein Thou givest us also to have part. We praise Thee for the holy fellowship of patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, and the whole glorious company of the redeemed of all ages, who have died in the Lord, and now live with Him for evermore. We give thanks unto Thee for thy great grace and many gifts bestowed on those who have thus gone before us in the way of salvation, and by whom we are now compassed about, in our Christian course, as a cloud of witnesses looking down upon us from the heavenly world. Enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter at death into their joy; and so abide with them in rest and peace, till both they and we shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day. *Amen.*

Here let the people join aloud in the *Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us

not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

M. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C. Amen.

Here the *Holy Communion* shall take place. While a sacramental hymn is sung, the people shall present themselves in front of the altar, reverently and devoutly standing. The officiating Minister shall first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and administer the same to his assistants; and he shall then proceed with their help to administer it, first to the elders and deacons, and afterward to the people; distributing first the bread and then the cup.

Giving the bread, the Minister shall say:

The bread which we break, is the Communion of the body of Christ.

Giving the cup, the Minister shall say:

The cup of blessing which we bless, is the Communion of the blood of Christ.

After the people have communed in both kinds, the Minister shall say:

May the Holy Communion of the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, keep and preserve you, each one, in body, soul, and spirit, unto everlasting life. *Amen.*

Depart in peace.

When all have communed, the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we give Thee most hearty thanks for the great goodness Thou hast shown toward us at this time, in vouchsafing to feed us, through these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby, that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, and heirs

through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most blessed death and passion. And we most humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall be said or chanted, the *Ambrosian Hymn* (Te Deum laudamus), as follows:

M. We praise Thee, O God:

C. We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

M. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

C. To Thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein.

M. To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

C. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

M. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

C. The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.

M. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.

C. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.

M. The holy Church, throughout all the world, doth acknowledge Thee.

C. The Father of an infinite majesty;

M. Thine adorable, true, and only Son;

C. Also, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

M. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

C. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

M. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

C. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

M. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

C. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge.

M. We therefore pray Thee, help thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

C. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

M. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thy heritage.
C. Govern them, and lift them up forever.

M. Day by day we magnify Thee;
C. And we worship thy name ever, world without end.

M. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
C. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

M. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

C. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

After which the Minister shall close the whole service with this *Benediction.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*